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Greetings --

I oppose the proposed Microsoft Settlement. I think this settlement is a very bad idea. In general, the settlement goes too far to protect Microsoft; it would allow them to effectively protect and extend their monopoly.

In particular, the settlement does not address the single most powerful hold which Microsoft exerts on the market; to wit: document standards. Additionally, the small provision for publishing interoperability standards is quite weak. I have no doubt that Microsoft will be able to circumvent any such restrictions.

I hope the U.S Department of Justice will reject the proposed settlement. To do otherwise would be disservice to the future of our country.

Respectfully Yours,

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